

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ADAM BALL,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:23-cr-20676-03

Honorable Thomas L. Ludington  
United States District Judge

Honorable Patricia T. Morris  
United States Magistrate Judge

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**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, ACCEPTING GUILTY  
PLEA, AND TAKING RULE 11 PLEA AGREEMENTS UNDER ADVISEMENT**

On July 30, 2025, Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris conducted a plea hearing upon Defendant Adam Ball's consent. *See* ECF Nos. 258; 262. That next day, Judge Morris issued a report recommending that this Court accept Defendant's guilty plea. ECF No. 283. Judge Morris gave the Defendant 14 days to object, but he did not do so. Defendant has therefore forfeited his right to appeal Judge Morris's findings that Defendant was competent to enter a plea and did so knowingly, voluntarily, and with a basis in fact. *See* FED. R. CRIM. P. 11(b); *Berkshire v. Dahl*, 928 F.3d 520, 530–31 (6th Cir. 2019) (citing *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985)).

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Judge Morris's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 283, is **ADOPTED**.

Further, it is **ORDERED** that Defendant's guilty plea is **ACCEPTED**, and the Rule 11 Plea Agreement, ECF No. 277, is **TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT**.

Dated: August 19, 2025

s/Thomas L. Ludington  
THOMAS L. LUDINGTON  
United States District Judge